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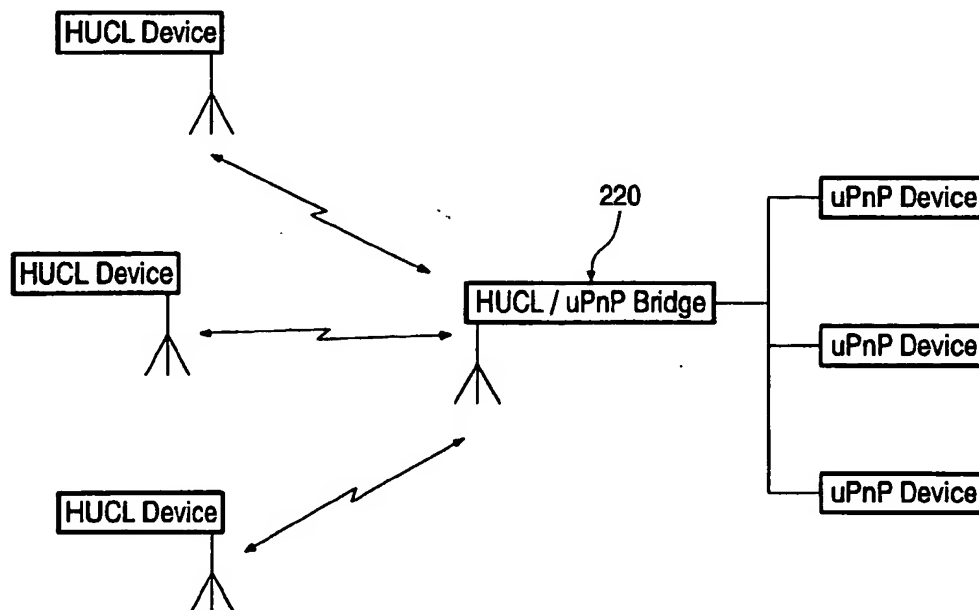
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to bridging between networks. One network uses a composite device type with a number of sub-devices. In response to a device description query from a first network device (202) a bridge device (206) responds with a message indicating its device type as being the composite device type and the number of sub-devices being the number of devices in the second network.